

The economic injury number for Tennessee is 9B1600 and for Georgia the number is 9B1700.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

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Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9B23]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (And a Contiguous County in the State of New Hampshire)

Middlesex County and the contiguous counties of Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Hillsborough County in the State of New Hampshire constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a fire that occurred on February 20, 1999 in the City of Waltham. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on December 1, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9B2300 for Massachusetts and 9B2400 for New Hampshire.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3161]

Texas (And Contiguous Parishes in Louisiana)

Newton County and the contiguous Counties of Jasper, Orange, and Sabine in the State of Texas, and Beauregard, Calcasieu, and Vernon Parishes in the State of Louisiana constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by

severe storms and flooding that occurred January 30 through February 10, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 3, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on Dec. 2, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.188
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damages are 316106 for Texas and 316206 for Louisiana. For economic injury the numbers are 9B2600 for Texas and 9B2700 for Louisiana.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Social Security Acquiescence Ruling 99-2 (8)]

Kerns v. Apfel; Definition of Highly Marketable Skills for Individuals Close to Retirement Age—Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Social Security Acquiescence Ruling.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(2), the Commissioner of Social Security gives notice of Social Security Acquiescence Ruling 99-2 (8).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 11, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although not required to do so pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and (a)(2), we are publishing this Social Security Acquiescence Ruling in accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(2).

A Social Security Acquiescence Ruling explains how we will apply a holding in a decision of a United States Court of Appeals that we determine conflicts with our interpretation of a provision of the Social Security Act (the Act) or regulations when the Government has decided not to seek further review of that decision or is unsuccessful on further review.

We will apply the holding of the Court of Appeals' decision as explained in this Social Security Acquiescence Ruling to claims at all levels of administrative adjudication within the Eighth Circuit. This Social Security Acquiescence Ruling will apply to all determinations or decisions made on or after March 11, 1999. If we made a determination or decision on your application for benefits between November 16, 1998, the date of the Court of Appeals' decision, and March 11, 1999, the effective date of this Social Security Acquiescence Ruling, you may request application of the Social Security Acquiescence Ruling to the prior determination or decision. You must demonstrate, pursuant to 20 CFR 404.985(b)(2) or 416.1485(b)(2), that application of the Ruling could change our prior determination or decision in your case.

Additionally, when we received this precedential Court of Appeals' decision and determined that a Social Security Acquiescence Ruling might be required, we began to identify those claims that were pending before us within the circuit and that might be subject to readjudication if an Acquiescence Ruling were subsequently issued. Because we determined that an Acquiescence Ruling is required and are publishing this Social Security Acquiescence Ruling, we will send a notice to those individuals whose claims we have identified which may be affected by this Social Security Acquiescence Ruling. The notice will provide information about the Acquiescence Ruling and the right to request readjudication under the Ruling. It is not necessary for an individual to receive a notice in order to request application of this Social Security Acquiescence Ruling to the prior determination or decision on his or her